

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claims 4-12 and 24-27 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3 were canceled previously.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 13-23 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 13-23 are allowed.

I. Response to Objection and Rejections

Claims 10-12 have been objected to as allegedly failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Further, Claims 6-9, 12, 26 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Moreover, Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gibson et al (U.S. Patent 6,100,329).

Applicants submit that all these objection and rejections are moot, because Applicants have in the Amendment, canceled Claims 4-12 and 24-27.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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